Motions Nos. 25—30.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 31,050 for Sanitation Works Proper by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*Do. by Re. 1.*

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,149 for establishment under Rural Sanitation by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 600 for charges for prevention of epidemics by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,806 for Rural Sanitation by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—*To omit the allotment of Rs.28,806 for item Rural Sanitation.*

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs.59,900 under Demand No. XXIII by Re. 1.*

As the Members were absent, the above motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 31.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 59,990 under Demand No. XXIII by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Cut motion No. 31.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—I don't move.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 32.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 59,900 for Sanitation and Conservancy.*

Deputy President.—No. 32, Mr. Salem. He is absent.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: *That the demand for sanitation and Conservancy be passed.*

Question put and agreed to.

18. XXV—Stationery and Printing—Rs.1,02,300.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,02,300 under 'Stationery and Printing'. The increase of Rs. 5,750 under 'Purchase of Stationery articles' is on account of the increase in consumption of the articles due to developments of the Departments and the provision of Rs. 4,000 made for payment towards the cost of printing paper, etc., supplied in the current year. Work in the Press has increased considerably, and hence a larger supply of paper had to be made.

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The only heads that show appreciable variations in the Printing Department are "Temporary Establishment' and 'Office Expenses'. The increase under 'Temporary Establishment' is due to the provision made for the allowance of the 7 temporary compositors for 2 months for the reprint of the old Law Reports, and that under 'Office Expenses' to a lump provision of Rs. 1,000 to meet the initial expense for putting up electric lights in the Press.

I hope the House will vote the demand applied for.

Motions Nos. 33—35.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,300 for Miscellaneous by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 65,750 for purchase of stationery by Re. 1.*

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,633 for establishment under Printing by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,915 for 2. Printing by Re. 1.*

As the Members were absent, the above motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 36.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,564 for temporary establishment by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 36, Mr. Ayyappan.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—പ്രസ്സിലെ കമ്പോസിറ്റേർസിനു പ്രിവിലേജ് ലീവ് കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ള കാര്യം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതിനു മാത്രമാണ് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം. അവർക്ക് പ്രിവിലേജ് ലീവ് കിട്ടാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു വളരെ വിഷമതകൾ ഉണ്ട്. Lead poison കൊണ്ടുതന്നെ അവർക്ക് പല ദോഷങ്ങളും വന്നേക്കാം. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ക്കു അറിയാം.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Sir, I beg to support the Member who has just now spoken. Realising, as I do, the difficulties of these compositors, I submit that it is very hard on the part of the Government to deny them privilege leave. So, I request the Government to consider this at least out of humanitarian considerations.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I should like to know whether the workmen in the Press are often going to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer for certificates, complaining that they are affected by lead poison, and whether it is not actually a very serious thing.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are not given a permanent pay at all. They are paid according to the work they turn out.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—The nature of the work they do must also be taken into consideration.

I am sure that the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer will be able to tell us that the work that they are doing requires certain intervals of leisure. I believe they must have been troubling the Medical Officers now and then to get certificates to entitle them to a little privilege leave.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Since there is no permanent pay, it is very difficult to fix the rate of leave allowance. Still the Government will consider.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Most of the workmen were once upon a time permanently employed. Afterwards, by some arrangement, this remuneration for the day's work came into existence.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—As it is, it is so.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—They must also be allowed to get privilege leave as the servants in other Departments.

Deputy President.—They are not pensionable appointments.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Government can make them so. What I want to point out is that the nature of the work they do will affect their health. Reference may be made to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer. He may be able to enlighten us.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government shall consider the question.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—What more do you want ?

Mr. M. K. Raman.—We want something more tangible also.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 37 and 38.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,373 for temporary establishment by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,02,300 unaer Demand No. XXV by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—Mr. Ezhuthassan and Mr. Harihara Ayyar are absent.

Hence these motions were considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 39.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,02,300 unaer Demand No. XXV by Re. 1.*

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Deputy President.—Motion No. 39, Mr. Raja.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It is only to point out that *the State Manual* requires revision at an early date. The figures that we have now are those of the census fo 1096. We had only three or four censuses, various changes have taken place, and it has to be brought up-to-date. There was a resolution to this effect. It was not moved.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government shall take note of that too.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 40.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,02,300 for Stationery and Printing.*

Deputy President.—Motion No. 40, Mr. Salem. He is absent.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: *That the allotment asked for Stationery and Printing be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

19. Demand No. IX—Forests—Rs. 3,58,664.

Deputy President.—Then Demand No. IX—Forests.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Sir, I beg to present for the vote of the House a demand of Rs. 3,58,664 under 'IX-Forests'. In doing so, no elaborate explanations seem to be called for from me, in view of the fact that the more important features of the budget proposals of the Department have already been touched upon, in brief yet lucid terms, by the President as well as the Finance Member. The references made to the subject by them will, I am sure, have satisfied my Hon'ble friends opposite, that we have not only fulfilled the promises made during the last Budgest Session, but that the Government have not failed to duly consider and give effect to some of the valuable suggestions that emerged in the course of the discussion of the subject in this House last year. The Reconnoitring Survey of the Parambikulam forests was undertaken as promised last year, and though the investigation is not complete, sufficient data were collected to show that there was no lack of materials for the profitable working of the Tramway for another 4 or 5 years at least, so that we can face the immediate future without misgiving, pending the completion of the necessary investigations and final decision of the Tramway question. The defect in the account system by which the freight charges of timber transported by Tramway did not find a place in the disbursements of the Forest Department has been remedied by the addition of a sub-head for the item under A. 1.

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